Solar Eclipse of South America: Argentina

*December 5 – 16, 2020*

*with Professor Gibor Basri*
The eighth largest country in the world by area, Argentina's grandeur provides an extraordinary backdrop for our journey to witness the 2020 solar eclipse. We'll begin in colorful Buenos Aires, home to European-inspired architecture, tree-lined boulevards, and a history of fine arts that includes its most famous cultural contribution: the tango. From there, we set out into Argentina's stunning natural landscapes to see sprawling forests, snow-capped peaks, and glimmering lakes, as well as the charming Alpine-influenced villages dotting the countryside. Join Cal Discoveries Travel to experience the beautiful culture and scenery of Argentina, and the 2020 total solar eclipse!

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Dear Alumni and Friends of Cal,

We invite you to join us in enchanting Argentina for a once-in-a-lifetime experience to witness the 2020 total solar eclipse!

Begin in the vibrant capital Buenos Aires to learn about its cultural identity as a city of immigrants and the arts, then take in the spectacular views of mountains, glaciers, and lakes in the Patagonian Andes, followed by exploration of charming villages that reflect the influence of pioneering European settlers.

At journey’s end, you’ll be perfectly situated in the path of the eclipse to witness the breathtaking moment of totality.

You won’t want to miss this unforgettable learning adventure. We expect our limited space will fill up quickly. Please make your reservation as soon as possible to guarantee your spot!

Go Bears!

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Please book my/our air from __________________. I/we request an air upgrade to _____________.

☐ I will share a room with __________________________.
☐ I request a single room (limited availability).

Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for the above-referenced tour, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature __________________________________________ Date________________
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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Holbrook Travel, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Holbrook Travel. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure (check or credit card).
**WHY ARGENTINA?** Argentina is famous for its harmony of cultures and landscapes, from the immigrant melting pot of colorful Buenos Aires to its stunning scenery across jagged peaks, arid plateaus, glacial crags, and lush forests.

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**LECTURER**

**Gibor Basri**

Gibor Basri received his B.S. in Physics from Stanford University (1973) and a Ph.D. in Astrophysics from the University of Colorado, Boulder (1979). An award of a Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship then brought him to the University of California, Berkeley. He joined the faculty of the Berkeley Astronomy Department in 1982, and became a full professor in 1994. A thread that runs through all his areas of research is magnetic activity on the Sun and other stars. He was a discoverer of and early pioneer in the study of brown dwarfs, has studied star formation, and been active in the debate on “what is a planet?”. Professor Basri has extensively used telescopes at the Lick and Keck Observatories, along with space telescopes. He was a Co-Investigator on NASA’s Kepler mission, which has revolutionized our knowledge about exoplanets. In 2007 he also became the founding Vice Chancellor for Equity and Inclusion at UC Berkeley, and in 2015 he received the Berkeley Citation (campus’ highest honor) upon retiring. In 2016 he received the Carl Sagan Award for Popularizing Science. He is still very active with students and research, currently utilizing Kepler photometry to understand starspots.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- **What to expect:** These trips feature long touring days with travel via motor coach, ship, zodiac, all-terrain vehicle, or train. Travelers are required to board transportation without assistance as well as stand and walk over uneven terrain for extended periods of time. Some tours may include optional higher-intensity activities and travel at higher altitudes with steep ascents and descents. Outings last four to six hours most days.

- **Suitable for:** Travelers who are able to comfortably walk four to six miles, or 6,900–9,200 steps, each day.

- **Witness the 2020 solar eclipse in totality from Piedra del Aguila in central Argentina.**

- **Stroll through the tree-lined neighborhoods of bustling Buenos Aires and get a feel for its European roots.**

- **Discover the capital’s unique blend of cultures and rich artistic identity, culminating in an iconic tango show at La Ventana.**

- **Learn about the region’s human history at the Caves of Gualicho, from prehistoric times to indigenous populations and the European pioneer settlements.**

- **Visit Glaciares National Park for a boat ride to see the massive Perito Moreno Glacier and its periodic ice calving.**

- **Take in the breathtaking scenery of Argentina’s Lake District at the top of Mount Campanario and along the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi.**

- **Spend time in the charming town of San Carlos Bariloche and its Alpine roots, from wood-timber architecture to a plethora of fine chocolate shops.**
DECEMBER 5 – DEPART U.S.
Overnight flight to Buenos Aires.

DECEMBER 6 – BUENOS AIRES
On arrival in Buenos Aires, you will be met by our representatives and transferred to Hotel Intersur, located in the heart of Recoleta, the most classic district in Buenos Aires. Recoleta is known for its tree-lined plazas, shopping and dining, and distinct Beaux-Arts architecture. The remainder of your morning is at leisure to get a taste of the neighborhood, or simply rest at the hotel. In the afternoon, we’ll gather for a program orientation, then set out to visit La Recoleta Cemetery. Perhaps the most famous cemetery in Buenos Aires, La Recoleta is the final resting place of Eva Perón and many other notable Argentines. Its above-ground mausoleums and monuments are uniquely decorated in a wide variety of styles, and, due to their sheer quantity, evoke the feeling of navigating an elaborate stone labyrinth as you pay respects to those buried there. Overnight at Hotel Intersur Recoleta. (D)

DECEMBER 7 – BUENOS AIRES
Today we explore the city of Buenos Aires in a cross-section of its most famous neighborhoods. Settled in stages during the 16th century, Buenos Aires developed at this site due to its strategic location along the Río de la Plata as it empties into the Atlantic Ocean. Consequently, trade has always played a pivotal role in the economy of Buenos Aires, and in turn the social and cultural identity of the city. Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, Buenos Aires saw an influx of immigrants, primarily from Europe, whose influences can still be seen today. Buenos Aires is often called the “Paris of South America” and has a European feel, with wide boulevards, large squares, and manicured public parks. This morning, we start our tour at the Plaza de Mayo, the
city’s main square, to see the Cabildo, the former colonial town hall, and the Casa Rosada, the famed government palace. Both buildings also house a museum, so here we will have a chance to learn about Argentinian history before continuing to the National Congress Building and then to the colorful port neighborhood of La Boca. Recognizable by its “Caminito” street lined with brightly colored buildings, La Boca was originally populated by shipyard workers and is famous today for its soccer, art culture, and Italian heritage. Enjoy lunch in a typical barbecue restaurant at Puerto Madero, the revitalized dockside waterfront.

In the evening, head toward San Telmo, one of Buenos Aires’s oldest neighborhoods, to take in dinner and a tango show at La Ventana. Originating in impoverished areas in the 1880s, the tango rose from a mix of Cuban and Spanish rhythms, European polka, and African music. Tango songs originally told stories about the city and its people, often with poetic lyrics impossible to translate. In spite of its humble origins, the tango eventually rose to the salons of the upper classes in the 1920s. Overnight at Hotel Intersur Recoleta. (BLD)

DECEMBER 8 - BUENOS AIRES

Today, set out into the Recoleta neighborhood surrounding our hotel. Marked by leafy plazas, public sculptures, cafés, and restaurants, Recoleta is one of Buenos Aires’s best neighborhoods to explore. The name comes from the Order of Shoeless Recoleta monks, who established their monastery, church, and churchyard here in the beginning of the 18th century. Explore these sites that are still standing today, at the heart of the district. We’ll also stop at the Palais de Glace, an art exhibition center that started as an ice skating rink, then became an aristocratic setting for the tango as the dance was moving upwards through the social classes. From here, we’ll pass through Recoleta’s green spaces and head towards the Palermo neighborhood. Palermo is home to elegant mansions, cultural institutions like the National Library, and manicured gardens like the Rosedal, Japanese Garden, and Botanical Garden. There is also a planetarium here, where we will attend a lecture by an astronomer to learn more about the upcoming eclipse phenomenon. Overnight at Hotel Intersur Recoleta. (BLD)

DECEMBER 9 - EL CALAFATE

In the early morning, transfer to Aeroparque Jorge Newbery for our flight to El Calafate. After arrival, explore the streets of El Calafate’s old quarter to see typical constructions of the early pioneers in this 20th century outpost town. Visit the Caves of Gualicho, an archaeological site showcasing evidence of the earliest humans living in this area. Named for an indigenous deity, the caves feature recreations of prehistoric paintings and a museum of fossils, artifacts, and photographs. Tonight, enjoy a dinner featuring Patagonian lamb, a local specialty. Overnight at Quijote Hotel. (BD)

DECEMBER 10 - EL CALAFATE

After an early breakfast, we leave for a full day excursion to Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park. Once inside the park, the scenery changes drastically, forested with trees unique to the Patagonian Andes. Although there are many glaciers within Los Glaciares, the most striking is Perito Moreno, which spans 121 square miles at about 240 feet above water level. From the viewing platforms, you’ll likely be able to see – and hear – chunks of ice cracking and breaking away from the glacier. In the afternoon, set sail on a “nautical safari” to witness this natural wonder up close. After returning to land, stop at the Glaciarium to learn more about the formation and evolution of glaciers, and the encroaching effects of climate change. Overnight at Quijote Hotel. (BL)

DECEMBER 11 - EL CALAFATE

Today, visit Nimes Lagoon Bird Sanctuary to observe colorful flamingos and other water birds. As you head back to town, stop at the historical museum and interpretation center to learn more about the history of this region, from prehistoric times until today. Overnight at Quijote Hotel. (BL)

DECEMBER 12 - BARILOCHE

This morning, transfer to the airport for our flight to San Carlos de Bariloche, one of Argentina’s most picturesque cities, and
hub of the country’s scenic Lake District. On arrival, set out on a panoramic tour of Bariloche, traveling along Lake Nahuel Huapi and arriving at Mount Campanario. Here, we will ascend by cable car to get spectacular views of the Andes Mountains and surrounding lakes. Continue the tour along lakes Perito Moreno and El Trébol, and at Llao Llao Peninsula, Bahía Lopez, and Panoramic Point. Lunch is at Familia Weiss restaurant, emblematic of the cultural blend between Argentina and Bavaria. In the evening, enjoy a lecture about German immigration and the indigenous Mapuche inhabitants of the area. Over night at Gran Hotel Panamericano. (BD)

DECEMBER 13 – BARILOCHE
In the morning, head to San Martin along the Seven Lakes Route, one of the most scenic roads in Argentina. Spanning three national parks and two provinces, the route makes a stunning show of the surrounding snow-capped peaks, rolling forests, and blue-green lakes. Enjoy lunch, shopping and sightseeing in the Alpine-inspired San Martin. On the way back, continue to enjoy breathtaking Patagonian landscapes, including the strange rock formations of the Castle, the Finger of God, Elephant, and the amphitheater. Over night at Gran Hotel Panamericano. (BL)

DECEMBER 14 – BARILOCHE
Today, we transfer to Piedra del Aguila to view this afternoon’s total solar eclipse. This small rural community offers the best prospects for viewing, due to its position along the eclipse path and consistent sunny and dry weather. The majority of the eclipse takes place over the Pacific Ocean, then it passes over Chile and Argentina in the late afternoon, finally ending over the Atlantic. The eclipse starts at 2:39 pm and will end at 5:29 pm, with totality at 4:02 pm. Box lunch on site. This evening, reflect on and celebrate your experience at a farewell dinner at the hotel. Overnight at Gran Hotel Panamericano. (BLD)

DECEMBER 15 – DEPART
Transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. On arrival to the Aeroparque, transfer to Ezeiza International Airport for your return flight to the U.S. (B)

DECEMBER 16 – ARRIVE U.S.
Arrive home in the U.S.

PRICING

$6,365 per person

Price is based on double occupancy with 10 participants. Single occupancy offered at additional cost of $845 per person.

Your price includes:

- Internal flights Buenos Aires-El Calafate, El Calafate-Bariloche, Bariloche-Buenos Aires
- 9 nights’ accommodations in Superior and Deluxe first-class hotels
- 20 meals (9 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners)
- Two glasses house wine/beer per person with included dinners
- Sightseeing and activities as described, including entrance fees
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- Private motorcoach or minibus transportation throughout your trip
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Cancellations, Changes and Refunds
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- Cancellations received 95 days or more before departure are refundable minus the $1000 per person deposit; cancellations within 95 days before departure are non-refundable.

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